

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a playback apparatus and method, which are capable of reading streaming data recorded on an information recording medium in compliance 5 with an FAT scheme continuously without delay, to a recording medium for use therewith, and to a program therefor. In a DRAM for file playback information, file playback information generated by a CPU is stored. The file playback information is file playback information for 10 playing back a file A generated on the basis of the FAT. In the file playback information, the cluster addresses of clusters used to record a corresponding file are recorded in sequence in the order in which they are used. In the file playback information of the file A, cluster addresses CL1, 15 CL2, CL3, . . . , CL329, and CL330, in which files A-1 to A-18 forming the file A are recorded, are recorded, and an EOF is recorded following the cluster address CL330. The present invention can be applied to a hard disk recorder.